

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS:

The following claim set replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) Soft and flexible surgical soft tissue mesh comprising polyethylene yarns, wherein ~~characterized in that~~
the polyethylene yarns
 - (i) have a tensile strength of more than 1.0 GPa, determined as specified in ASTM D885M using a nominal gauge length of the fibre of 500 mm and a crosshead speed of 50%/min,
 - (ii) consist of polyethylene with a relative viscosity of more than 5 dl/g as measured on a solution of polyethylene in decalin with a concentration of 0.05% at 135°C according to ASTM D 4020, and
 - (iii) are sheath and core yarns having a weight ratio between the sheath and the core of below 5:1, and wherein
the core is formed by filaments that show no or only little adhesion to each other and the sheath is a substantially non-porous layer.
2. (original) Mesh according to claim 1, wherein the mesh is knitted.
3. (previously presented) Mesh according to claim 1, wherein the yarns have a weight ratio between the sheath and the core of below 3:1.
4. (previously presented) Mesh according to claim 1, wherein the yarn comprises a medical drug.
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